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In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No. 6124
Gary Karlin Michelson, M.D.	)	
Serial No.: 09/626,636	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: July 27, 2000	)	Examiner: Uyen Ho
For: A GUARD FOR USE IN	)	
PERFORMING HUMAN	)	
INTERBODY SPINAL SURGERY	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated May 17, 2006, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 21 of this paper.

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